

Acklam Whin News



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336 days until Christmas!

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Happy New Year!

A belated Happy New Year to you all from the staff and friends of Acklam Whin Primary. The children have started the term really well and have come back with great enthusiasm and determination.

Our Rich Curriculum

Already our term has given our children a wide range of fantastic learning opportunities including Virtual Reality experiences for Y5, Buddhist meditation in Y4, local area exploration in Y2 and Pedestrian Training in Y3, to name but a few! Keep an eye on our social media for updates and photos of the array of experiences across school.

PSA –Parent Support Advisor

Mr Birch who has been working in Y6, has taken up the role of Parent Support Advisor in school and is available to talk with you about any issues, concerns or worries about any aspects of school life. With an extensive background in social work, Mr Birch will be present on the playground before and after school if you want a chat and if you want to discuss anything further, a meeting can be arranged via the school office. As always if you have any questions or concerns with your child's development, our advice is always to contact your child's class teacher first.

Attendance & Safeguarding

Attendance and punctuality are essential to ensuring that your child gets the most out of their time at school. Please ensure that your child arrives in time for the start of school at 8.50am. Late arrivals are disruptive for the child who is late and also for the other pupils whose learning has already begun.

Key Dates for Spring 2019

Friday 15th February - Break up for Spring Half Term

Monday 25th February – Children return to school

Friday 5th April - Break up for Easter Holidays

Tuesday 23rd April – Children return to school

A Couple of Reminders:

Trainers

A very small minority of children have started to wear trainers for school following the Christmas Break. Trainers, black or otherwise, are not part of our uniform and should not be worn for school. Our School Uniform policy clearly states: **Footwear – plain black shoes** should be worn at all times in school. **Trainers will not be permitted** unless in exceptional circumstances and agreed with school. I really do appreciate your support with this and ensuring that fairness and safety are the priority.

Fitness Watches

Again, some children have returned from the holidays wearing fitness watches/straps for school, which is fine. However (and I do get the ridiculous irony of this) due to health and safety, all jewellery, including watches, must be removed when participating in PE. Also, a reminder that earrings must not be worn for PE. Any issues regarding this please see your child's class teacher or Mr Jackson.

School Lunches

As always, please can you ensure that your ParentPay account is kept in credit and any changes to your child's dinner arrangements must be given with one weeks' written notice to the school office.

Safety and Parking around school

As you may have seen in the local press recently, the issue of parking and the safety of our children, families and residents has been highlighted again. Our stance has not changed. We try and work with all parties to ensure the safety of our children is paramount and we really appreciate the support of all our families in supporting this.